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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

February 21, 1983

C A L E N D A R

- March 8 - Tuesday, BOARD MEETING, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church,
9:15 a.m. — babysitting provided.
- " 19 - Saturday, A N N U A L M E E T I N G (Inside for details)
- April 5, Tuesday, BOARD MEETING, Home of Erika Mininni, 7:30 p.m.
Please call Margaret Gerke for carpool.
- " 19, Tuesday, UNIT MEETING, 9:15 a.m. — Topic to be arranged.
- " 20, Wednesday, UNIT MEETING, 7:30 p.m. — Topic to be arranged.
- " 22-23 LWV of West Virginia State Convention at North Bend
State Park
- and, MAY coming up National Security Study and Consensus

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

We are pleased that Gene Adams and David Woodward have accepted our invitation to speak about U.S. Military and Defense policies at our Annual Meeting. Their discussion/debate mark our entrance into what promises to be a fascinating study of National Security. Come prepared with your concerns and questions on the issue.

Five new board members will be installed at the Annual Meeting—and the emphasis is on the word NEW. Indeed, four of the five joined our league within the last year. I think we should all be impressed with their energy and enthusiasm and willingness to jump right in. There is a lot of work to be done to promote League's goals and positions. Let us actively support our new officers and board members with that dedication and spirit that I have come to know is "business as usual" for the league.

. . . Linda Rowe

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ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, March 19

TIME: 10:30 a.m. - Meeting
12:30 p.m. - Luncheon

PLACE: Holiday Inn on 3rd Avenue/10th Street

COST: \$6.00 (the price includes tax, tip, and two separate rooms if we have a good turnout)

MENU: Quiche, salad and coffee.

RESERVATIONS: Telephone Chloe Dunfee, 525-5339, by Wednesday, March 16th.

After March 16th, if you are unable to attend but have not cancelled, you are expected to honor the reservation, or treasurer will bill you.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!! Please bring them to this exciting discussion as we launch our study into the forays of National Security.

TOPIC: "Evaluation of U.S. National and Economic Policy"

SPEAKERS: We will have two outstanding speakers: David Woodward and Gene Adams. Dr. Woodward has written extensively on military history and his scholarship is internationally acclaimed. Mr. Adams is a much sought after speaker and especially well-known for his passionate commitment to limiting arms control. The speakers will discuss the topic in the pro/con format and there will be time for questions and answers. We will share more background information on these two speakers on the 19th.

DUES ARE DUE!

Treasurer, Lila Thompson, will have a table set up to collect Annual Dues (\$20.00) for those who wish to pay. As usual, make our separate checks. The check for luncheon should be made payable to Holiday Inn.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The following members have been nominated for office:

2nd Vice President: Kathleen Gross
Treasurer: Lila Thompson
2 year Directors: Des Laux, Barbara Cienfuegos, Jeannie Harris, Isabel Paul
1 year Director (to fill out Fran Schmitt's term): Betsy Grandstaff
Submitted by Helen Gibbins, Chairman
Nominating Committee 1983-84: Martha Woodward, Chairman and V.M. Galgano

For your information: President: Linda Rowe
Vice President: Margaret Gerke
Secretary: Beth Bauserman
2 year Directors: Marcia Daoust, Janice McNearney, Nancy Taylor

P R O G R A M

This is the proposed program, supported by the board.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Support/study of alternative forms of government in the Huntington Area.

Support of improvement in the quality of recreation in the Huntington Area.

**We seek more co-operation between agencies and government bodies.

**We inform the public on available recreation.

Support of the improvement of the quality of education in Cabell County school system.

**We attend School Board meetings.

**We inform the public about the system.

**We lobby.

Support of the Council-Manager form of government

**We attend charter revision meetings.

**We publicize our long-standing study and consensus.

Support of comprehensive planning.

**We publically support changes that fit in the comprehensive plan.

Support of improved solid waste management

**We research and endorse recycling.

**We lobby officials.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Support of measures to improve the election process

**We monitor elections and the voter registration process.

**We conduct call-in services.

**We inform the public.

**We lobby for better laws.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Support of improvement of juvenile court procedures and supporting agencies

**We lobby the Legislature.

**We inform the public.

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NEW NATIONAL GOVERNMENT POSITION: Public Policy on Reproductive Choices (PPRC)

The national board adopted a new position at its meeting on January 18, 1983, after discussion and analysis of the responses to the request for concurrence on PPRC. The new position states:

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Of 1,203 local leagues, 81.8% took part in the concurrence process, and of those participating leagues, 92.6% concurred. Many expressed their belief that the League had a positive role to play in public debate on the issue.

On the local level, our "agreement" was less clear cut although most members who participated in the process felt that we should not take action on the issue. No state or local action on PPRC is planned at this time.

Thank You! to those of you who took the time to attend the Huntington concurrence meetings—you were well-prepared and willing to seriously consider this controversial subject.

. . . Barbara Cienfuegos and Linda Rowe

✓ STATE CONVENTION

. . . for LWVWV will be at North Bend State Park, April 22-23. This is exciting event in a lovely setting. Huntington is entitled to send 10 delegates this year. League pays all expenses except Saturday's breakfast and lunch. IF you think you'd like to be a delegate, contact Linda Rowe, 523-4475, or Margaret Gerke, 529-4345. More information in the next Bulletin.

LWV ON THE AIR!

West Virginia: Voters Service Public Service Announcements (PSAs) produced by the Oakland, California League were made available for distribution to local TV stations by WV Leagues. If you saw any League PSAs ("spots") on TV this past Fall, please contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287. She is collecting information which will help in the development of future such tapes.

National: LWVUS aims to increase nationwide exposure for news about the League and its issues by carrying out a plan to tap the vast radio news/commentary/talk show markets across the country on a regular basis. LWVUS wants us to let them know when we hear the national League on a local radio station. Drop a postcard to LWVUS or contact local President, Linda Rowe, each time you hear a national League official commenting on a national issue. Try to give as much of the Who, What, When and Where (cal' letters) as possible.

VOTERS SERVICE

The League was asked (by the Society of Physics Students, especially former League member, Barbara Bolton Thompson) to conduct a Voter Registration drive on campus. Their idea was to show political involvement of students in a tangible way, related to the current legislative actions affecting higher education. While we have no position on their aims, we do have a constant desire to increase political activity, especially relating to registration and voting. A Voter Registration Day following—February 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 pm.

County Clerk Hercil Gartin was most cooperative in providing a registrar from his office, Tonya Frazier. We had a table set up in the Student Center with handouts and display material. Several League members worked with me to ask students and others if they were registered, and explained other election-related questions. Forty people registered, most for the first time, and at least three times that many from other counties and with other questions (such as how to change addresses, which requires a trip to the courthouse or a mailed-in registration card) were contacted. We were very pleased at the response in the short time we were there.

Thanks to members Isabel Paul, Elinore Taylor, Jan Young and Montserrat Cahambers for their help. We are also appreciative of Michelle Pierce's activity in getting live television coverage by WOWK-TV on the noon news. The Herald-Dispatch included a notice. The Parthenon had an excellent editorial.

The Voters Service Committee also met to discuss further action. You will note the ad asking for a person to organize a voter registration checkup. This activity has been suggested by many people, including people who have worked in election campaigns. They have noted that lists of registered voters include a number of non-existent addresses, and also many homes with a number of families registered there. During our call-in we often hear of people in single-family homes who find when they go to the polls that there are several families still registered at that address who have not lived there for years. We would like to do a careful job of checking one precinct to start, and have some good ideas on where and how to do it. It would be fun for a member to organize, and would be a very useful project. I hope we can get a volunteer.

We also plan to do some promotion about the municipal elections this spring—Milton, Barboursville and other places in our area. Michelle Pierce is gathering information on dates and issues. Jan Young, a new member, has volunteered (HOORAY!!) to coordinate a series of Letters-to-the-Editor and radio spots, to remind people affected first to register and then to vote. She will be asking other members for short-term spot jobs. Please volunteer if you would like to work with her.

Included with this VOTER is the 1983 Legislative Guide. There are more copies available. If you have ideas for distribution, please let me know. So far they are available in the public and Marshall libraries, the Student Center and other campus locations, and have been mailed to interested individuals, and included in the Community Service Roundtable newsletter. The piece is very useful—we hope it will receive wide distribution. (Please note one mistake: Senator Randolph's office address is 3203 Dirksen.)

CLASSIFIED AD

Betty Barrett, 525-5908

WANTED: One person to organize and direct an exciting, interesting project. Short term; hours totally flexible. Salary non-existent, therefore tax-free. Opportunity to work with other League members and people from other organizations. Media exposure probable. No skills required—we will train. Project will look very good on a future resume. Contact Betty Barrett, 525-5908, Voters Service. See above report for more info.

NATIONAL

SECURITY

STUDY

coming up!!

James
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The first unit will consider what constitutes National Security and will identify and discuss Military Policy issues.

The new National Security study will build on existing international relations, social policy, government, and natural resources positions, and will lead to new applications regarding such subjects as citizens rights, the federal budget, and arms control.

There is no area in which there is so much confusion and uncertainty, in which the public has strong feelings and conflicting information than the area of nuclear armaments and disarmaments, buildups and freezes, national security and national insecurity.

For background read the fall 1982 national VOTER article, "The Future of National Security".

Anyone interested in taking part in the study and presentation, call

... Nancy Taylor, 522-3361

... study in March and April ... present for consensus in May ...

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